

Chicago and Toledo Linked by a Ship Canal. SUBJECT RENEWED AGAIN! Dr. Harris of Defiance in the City for the Purpose of Awakening an Interest in the Enterprise—What His Plan Proposes.

There always has been, and always will be, until the plan has been consummated, something alarming about the idea of linking together, by means of a water-way that would lengthen the season of navigation and annihilate distance to the extent of at least 500 miles, the great city of Toledo on Lake Erie and the greater city of Chicago on Lake Michigan. A summer route has twice been taken up and been declared feasible, but each time it has been allowed to lapse into nothingness.

There is promise, however, that a renewed agitation of the subject with at least a possibility of future realization, is about to begin. For a long time Dr. W. T. Harris of Defiance has been making an exhaustive study of the subject. He has gone at it slowly and practically, covering every inch of the ground, and making an actual survey of the territory which such a canal would cover. His investigations have made him a firm believer in the future of such a project; his maps are the most convincing things in the world. Some time ago Dr. Harris' plan was brought to the attention of Secretary R. H. Cochran of the chamber of commerce, with the result that Dr. Harris, on Judge Cochran's invitation, came yesterday to Toledo, bringing with him a mass of data, profiles and maps. He expects, and will no doubt receive, encouragement from Toledo, for the plan means untold good things for this city. Toledo would reap most of the benefits. As a result of his talk with Secretary Cochran, Dr. Harris will speak to the chamber of commerce upon the subject at the first meeting in Oct. in the meanwhile it is the intention to issue if possible five thousand maps, bringing the plan before the public in such a way that it can be readily understood and its praiseworthy features appreciated.

The line of the canal as shown on Mr. Harris' maps is from Chicago, across Lake Michigan, to Michigan City, to South Bend, thence through a series of lakes and rivers to the Maumee close to the state line, down the Wabash canal, taking in Defiance and Napoleon and making Toledo the terminus.

It is absolutely impossible after a half hour's conversation with Dr. Harris to enter into the details of the plan, or to give more than a mere outline of its intentions. His knowledge of the condition and formation of the land through which the canal is destined to pass, and his exhaustive studies upon the other branches of the subject show that he is not talking at random or indulging in a beautiful day dream. It is his purpose to call upon a number of Toledo's prominent business men for the purpose of explaining the project to them, and in due time the public is sure to become fully acquainted with its infinite possibilities.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

We notice by the semi-annual exhibit of the auditor and treasurer of Henry county as published in the Napoleon papers last week that not a single fund is over-drawn and that there is a balance on hand in the treasury of over \$107,000, a more beautiful condition of the financial affairs of the county than has existed, we believe, in its history, and as good a showing as any county in this part of the state is able to make—Paulding Democrat.

It is easy to buy goods at Rohrs & Bro's. They sell the best goods at lowest prices.

A party of gentlemen were the other evening discussing literary subjects, when one asked another to point out the grammatical blunder in the Lord's prayer. Half a dozen tried, some thought it lay in the words, "which art in heaven." Others placed it elsewhere, but not one detected it in the expression, "For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory." To be perfectly correct the word "is" should be "are," but people have used it in the present form so long that they never think of regarding it as blunder. There are teachers who say such an expression is right because it sounds right, but reverse it and say "the kingdom, the power and the glory is thine" and the fault is soon perceived.—E.E.

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In Memoriam.

Dr. Maggie E. Emery died August 30th, 1894, aged 42 years, 6 months and 1 day. Dearest sister, how we miss thee, and our hearts are sore today. But we know that thou shalt meet those in the coming Judgment Day. We miss thee everywhere we go and tears fall thick and fast. When in our lonely moments we are thinking of the past. We hope to meet thee, Maggie dear, in yonder Heaven above. Forgetting all our sorrows here and back in the sunlight of God's love. We shall not mourn nor complain, God's dealings are but just. His ways we may not understand, but in Him we will trust. God help us then to trust Him more, and then all will be well. And now but never more we bid a last long farewell.

—Miss W. L. T.

DEMOCRACY!

Large and Enthusiastic State Convention.

Speech of Hon. Frank Hurd

A RINGING PLATFORM ADOPTED

And a Good Ticket Nominated:

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For Judge of Supreme Court. JAMES D. ERMISTON, of Hamilton.

Member Board Public Works. HARRY B. KEEFER, of Tuscarawas.

State School Commissioner. DR. J. A. LEECH, of Franklin.

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In woolen and worsted cloth the reduction is nearly 60 per cent., while under the McKinley law last year these articles paid \$11,000,000 in duties on an importation of that amount.

The duty on woolen knit goods is cut down from 34 to 25 and 40 per cent.

The duty on plain china is reduced from 55 to 30 per cent., and on ornamental china from 60 to 35 per cent.

The chief merit in the new law is not found in the free list. It enlarges that part of the old law so that the people will be saved directly nearly \$45,000,000 per year, and indirect savings which it produces are nearly five times as great, making a total of savings to consumers of nearly \$230,000,000 annually.

Among the articles placed on the free list are copper, tin and nickel ore, petroleum, agricultural implements, binding twine, salt, timber, lumber and wool. These are only a few of the goods which will be freed from the heavy taxes that have been levied upon them by the McKinley tariff.

The chief merit of the law is the addition of wool to the free list. With out it the measure would have afforded but little relief; but with it, it becomes one of the most important statutes enacted by congress since the war, and one which will entitle it to the gratitude of the people for all time to come.

A leading protectionist once said that wool was the key-stone to the arch of protection. With it gone it is only a question of time when the whole arch will collapse and tumble into ruin.

I have been thoroughly familiar with the history of the agitation for free wool from its inception. Fifteen years ago when the Democratic state convention of Ohio approved a resolution directing for a duty on wool, I was on the committee on resolutions and opposed a proposition for free wool, which received my vote only. Later I was in the house of representatives and took part in the debate on the woolen schedule in the second Morrison bill. I spoke for free wool and when confronted with the fact that the duty on wool was 102 per cent, I requested the members of congress from this state to vote for duties on wool. I said then as I say now, I would not vote to make woolen clothing, depression and distress to the people, if every man, woman and child in Ohio should request me to do so.

I watched with delight the passage of the bill which reduced the duty on wool to 42 per cent, and I found my vindication in the fact that the bill, free wool and all.

For more than twenty years tariff reformers have predicted that such a condition must inevitably result from protection. They pointed out that restriction of the market, which is the object of protection, would result in an over production of domestic goods, in which the producer would perish. They foretold that the farmers would be beggars in the midst of their plenty, and that the nation's resources would decay and not in their own superabundance. How perfectly those predictions have been fulfilled the deplorable situation to which I have referred demonstrates.

Not for this condition was the Democratic party in any respect responsible. It had opposed the policy of protection since its inception. It possessed for thirty years no power to enact a law or carry out an administrative policy. The whole responsibility was upon the Republican party, and it was by the tariff reformers, as to the certain consequences of the measure it was admitted.

This promise of a business revival, which I have heard so much of, is the result of the new tariff law just passed by the Democratic congress. This law followed party because the element of uncertainty as to what the tariff would be, had been removed so that business can securely adjust itself to the new law not likely to be modified for some time by a general revision. But chiefly this result has been produced because the new law has inaugurated a new era in tariff legislation in this country. It repeals the McKinley law. It strikes at the principle of protection, and it is the first step towards the reversal of the position of the United States with the world, to the injury of the country from the false to the true, from injustice to justice, from the setting on fire with the rising sun, purely bright with the promise of a new era, from the gloom of protection in the United States and opens the paths to the ultimate emancipation of labor and manhood from the restrictions of selfish laws.

It is difficult to estimate at so early a date its passage all the beneficial effect of the new measure. That it would disappoint many was inevitable, because of the increase it touches and of necessary considerations of precedence and policy which rightfully influenced the law making power.

Foremost among these was the paramount necessity of raising revenue to pay the governmental expenses of \$350,000,000 per year. It would be desirable to have no taxation at all if it were possible. But as long as you must tax, you must find prosperity to be taxed. I will be glad when all indirect taxation through the tariff shall be abolished, but as long as a tariff is to be levied for revenue, it should be imposed on such articles as produce the most revenue with the least protection.

Again, in levying a tariff, consideration should be had of business already established, that it be not unnecessarily disturbed; but that because a business has had protection, therefore it shall always have it, but that in the displacement of labor and capital which come from changes in existing laws as little harm may be done as possible, and so gradually that adjustments may be made to the new conditions without loss.

Then local interests represented by congressmen who desire popularity with their constituents often induce the passage of necessary charges and to prolong a system which bestows local favors. The considerations all appeal to the practical legislator, and make necessary the beginning of great reforms a slow movement; expediting to the enthusiastic reformers. For these reasons the new law may not have gone as many have wished. But it goes a long way in the redemption of Democratic pledges and reforming our tariff system.

A consideration of a few of the provisions of the law will show that it is a very good one. It repeals the McKinley law designed to be the expression of the highest protection ever incorporated into the federal statute book, and which was so largely responsible for the business depression to which I have referred.

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